



# The Guadalupe Gardener



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## RAIN, RAIN, AND VOLUNTEERS WHERE ARE YOU?

We have nominees in place for the 2012 officers: President-elect, Peggy Jones; Vice-President, Don Hilbert; Treasurer, Bob Teweles; and Secretary, Gail Johnson. Nominations will remain open for these offices until the Annual Meeting and elections in November.

Folks, we need to get out of our COMFORT ZONE and help foster the growth of this organization by volunteering for the various committees that are moving this organization forward. Yes, it will require more of your time and diligence but, as I have discovered, there is a treasure of information and experience available from members that are more than willing to help assist new officers and committee members through the learning curve. You WILL NOT be on an island by yourself.

The attrition with any volunteer group is a constant struggle, so we must continue to feed the pipeline with new prospects and students. As of this date, August 19, 2011, there are twenty students signed up for Class 23. Class Coordinator, Jose Contreras, has put together an outstanding group of individuals to help mentor this class and with this team of mentors, we should be able to expedite the certification process and volunteer activities for these new class members.

As many diverse opportunities and interests as we have in master gardening, one area of unlimited potential that merits serious consideration is the Jr. Master Gardener Program. The growth of the public school district in western Guadalupe County

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING September 15th

Dr. Rebecca Kelso will talk with us about skin disorders that can affect avid gardeners. Dr. Kelso graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston Texas in 2003. She moved to San Antonio with her husband and adorable twins in 2009 shortly after Hurricane Ike's devastating visit to the island. Dr. Kelso opened her private practice in January 2010 which has been extremely successful due to her skills as a surgeon and also her lovely personality. Becky will fit in well with our Master Gardeners even if she isn't an Aggie.

Toni Guiles & Carmen Rosas have agreed to provide refreshments.

Don't forget to bring your plants for the plant exchange table.

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## August Meeting Program—*Legends and Flowers* by Gail Johnson

One of our favorite speakers was back for the monthly meeting in August. Liz Palfini--botanist, educator and interpreter--gave a program on folklore and flowers. Liz discussed ten different flowers in her program—but sadly, space here only gives room for but a few.

Perhaps the most widely admired flower in the world, the rose is believed to have first been cultivated in China sometime around 3000 BC. A testament to the allure of its beauty, it was quickly a favorite throughout the ancient world. The Greeks believed it belonged to Aphrodite who gave it to her son, Eros (Cupid). Apparently guilty of a number of indiscretions (along with the other gods and goddesses), Eros used the rose to bribe Harpocrates, the god of silence, to keep the pantheon's secrets. In Rome, a culture that borrowed heavily from the Greeks, the rose became the symbol of secrecy where it appeared prominently over a table at bawdy banquets. Anything said at the table under the rose had to be kept confidential, hence *sub rosa*. The Romans were so wild about roses, that the rose came to define the very excesses of Rome. Wealthy Romans flaunted their money and power by surrounding themselves with the beauty and fragrance of roses. Roses were carted in by the bushel and spread everywhere a wealthy Roman would step. Mattresses were stuffed with rose petals—a practice that gave us the expression “a bed of roses.” The rose became so associated with the excesses of Rome that early Christians shunned it as a symbol of pagan debauchery. But, over time, even the Christians couldn't resist it, and incorporated it into their own folklore. So, it was said that after God created woman, He created the rose to please her and placed it, thornless, in Eden. After the fall of man, the rose sprouted thorns to remind people of their sinful nature and the paradise they had lost. Eventually, the rose became the symbol of the Virgin Mary. The original beads of the rosary were made of rose petals to represent the Virgin Mary's rose garden. The origin of the rosary is attributed to St. Dominic who was saved from evil by a garland of roses placed around his neck by the Virgin Mary. Brides commonly sent their bridal bouquets to a nunnery so that the flowers could be turned into beads for a rosary. Christians even took the Roman confidentiality symbol by placing roses over the confessionals and building them into the windows of the great cathedrals.

Morning Glory is much loved for the bright color of its flowers and their lovely shape. It is said that morning glories came from the fairies. When the earth was still young, fairies lived everywhere. Fairy children loved to play out in the meadows and running streams. The children often displeased their mothers by getting their colorful skirts muddy. One bright morning, after promising to stay clean, the young fairies went out to play. They went first to the meadows to play in the flowers and chase the butterflies. As the day wore on, and the temperature rose, the babbling brook called to them. Before long, they were splashing in the cool water—completely forgetting their promises to their mothers. When they realized they were soaked, they decided to take off their skirts and let them dry on some nearby vines. They hung their bright little skirts all along the vines. But when the skirts were dry and the fairies went to retrieve them, the vines refused to give them up. The colorful dresses were stuck tight and would not come loose. The little fairies were forced to leave them and ever since, the frilly delicate pleats of the fairy dresses open every morning, in all their morning glory.

The story of bluebonnet seems particularly pertinent, given the current drought. Liz attributes her source of this legend to Dobie's Tales of Old Time Texas. It seems that the native people had suffered through a great flood followed by an even greater drought. The following winter was bitter cold,

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## Meeting Refreshment Change—by Ryla Cottingham, Chair

Beginning in September, we will be serving only dessert items and drinks brought in by our wonderful volunteers after our guest speaker of the evening speaks to help brighten our short break before getting down to the business side of our monthly meetings. Thanks to everyone who has brought goodies in the past.....we appreciate YOU!

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(Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD) has increased almost fifty percent in the last ten years. Those with an interest in this program (including yours truly) should strive to organize a Jr Master Gardener Program in the coming year. The public awareness and the positive working relationship with the teachers, children and parents will provide countless educational benefits for our organization and community. Experiencing the 1950's drought as a teenager in south Texas (I'm dating myself), I don't recall the intense heat we have witnessed in 2009 and this year. Without irrigation, there is no sub-surface moisture. Period!!

Even with irrigation, it is going to be difficult to establish winter crops with the brutal heat and temperatures. Since June 7, the thermometer on my south exposed deck has not been below 104 in the shade. A special thanks to Treva Hicks and her group for an outstanding job in preparing everything for our summer social.

Closing note: IF YOU GO THE EXTRA MILE, THE TRAFFIC IS NOT AS HEAVY.

Bob Davis, President Elect

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bringing sleet and ice. The people were starving, and a dreadful disease was devastating the tribe. Clearly, the shamans said, the Great Spirit was angry with them. But He refused to be appeased by anything that they did. The people danced, they chanted, they played their drums. Warriors cut their own flesh and sent up wild cries of supplication in vain. Finally, the Great Spirit spoke to the medicine man and told him that the tribe must make a burnt offering of their most valued possession and scatter it to the four winds to atone for their selfishness that had brought his wrath upon them. A little girl sat listening in the darkness on the outer edges of the council fire. Hidden in the folds of her dress was her beloved doll. Dressed in a soft doe skin robe, it had long black horsehair braids, and a beautiful headdress made from the bright blue feathers of a jay. Her heart grew heavy as she realized what she must do. Late that night, after everyone else had gone to sleep, she crept from her teepee, hugging the precious doll to her chest. Taking a burning coal from the fire, she went to a nearby hill where she gather some sticks and made a small fire. As the flames leapt up, she held up her beloved doll. Surely it was the tribe's most valued possession. She asked the Great Spirit to accept it as the atonement for the tribe's sins. Then she quickly threw it into the fire and watched the flames consume the body and the face, the doe skin robe, the horsehair braids and the beautiful blue feathers of the headdress. When the ashes cooled, the little girl scooped them up and turning North, South, East and West, she let them blow through her fingers. In the morning, the tribe awoke to feel the warmth of the broken winter. The barren land was covered with a blanket of blue flowers, and they knew it was sign that the Great Spirit had forgiven them. The land grew green and lush. The little girl, who was the most unselfish of them all, was given the name One Who Dearly Loves Her People.

That's all the room we have this month for Liz's great stories. Too bad if you missed the rest of them!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# Association News



## NEWLY CERTIFIED MASTER GARDENER

**Gina Mullen** shown receiving her Master Gardener Certificate and pin from President George Ammermann.

My apologies to Romelia Escamilla for putting one too many i's in her name as a new master gardener last month.



## 2012 Board Election Slate

Four candidates have volunteered to run for positions on the 2012 GCMG Board.

**Peggy Jones** is running for **President-Elect**. Peggy has served as Publicity Chairperson for the last 4 years and also Chaired the GCMG booth at the Wilson County Garden Days. She has been a member of the San Antonio Rose Society for the last 10 years. Peggy certified from class 18.

**Don Hilbert** is running for **Vice-President**. Don was a member of class 17 and has volunteered at the Red Barn and also helped at the SA Stock Show and Rodeo the past four years.

**Bob Teweles** is running for **Treasurer**. Bob serves as Treasurer for 2011. He is a graduate of class 20 and was the Class Coordinator for class 21. He is presently certifying as a Propagation Specialist.

**Gail Johnson** is running for **Secretary**. Gail graduated in class 21 and has served as a Director this year for the TMGA as a representative of GCMG.

The election is in November. This is a great group of people and I appreciate them volunteering. It takes a commitment and lots of time to be on the Board. Anyone wishing to run for any of these positions should contact Sandy Foss 210-651-9053 or [sandyfoss@satx.rr.com](mailto:sandyfoss@satx.rr.com).

**Guadalupe County Master Gardeners  
Summary Schedule, 2011 Class 23, Lectures Only**

Limited seating is available for GCMG members only wishing to audit—not open to public.  
**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**—other than Mentors and Class Assistants—**ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE**, by email to [elmerjose@gmail.com](mailto:elmerjose@gmail.com). **1<sup>st</sup> come - 1<sup>st</sup> seated.**  
**A \$10 Donation by check to GCMG brought to the lecture is suggested but not required.**

**See also Notes for Auditors below**

**Location:** St. Paul Evangelical Church, 108 South Main Street, Cibolo, Texas.

**Time/day:** Wednesdays, 12:00 to 4:30, with 30 minute break.

Dates	Topic(s) and Speaker(s)
Aug 31	Plant Growth & Development—Liz Palfini, M.S.
Sep 7	Soils, Water, & Plant Nutrients, Mark McFarland, Ph.D.
	Organic Composting for Soil Productivity—Mike Lininger
Sep 14	Earth Kind® Landscaping—David Rodriguez
	Using Natives to Bring Nature Back to Your Garden, Landscape and Community—Deedy Wright
Sep 21	Native Plants and Grasses—(followed by field instruction for students)—Barron Rector, Ph.D.
Sep 28	Tree Care, Oak Wilt, Hypoxylon Canker & Other Diseases—Mark Duff
	Eco-region Distinctions in Guadalupe County—Paul Cox
Oct 5	Backyard Vegetable Gardening—Clara Mae Marcotte
	Rain Water Harvesting—Liz Romero
	Drip Irrigation, Part 1 (Part 2 is field instruction)—Jim Johnson
Oct 12	Lawn Care (followed by student interactive on Landscape Design)—Dennis E. Hale
Oct 19	Herbs and Heirlooms; Great Garden Plants—Judy Barrett
Oct 26	Entomology 101 and Integrated Pest Management—Molly Keck
Nov 9	Plant Health Diagnosis & Management—Mark C. Black Ph.D.
Nov 16	Home Fruit and Nut Production—Larry A. Stein
Nov 30	Firewise and Wildfire Preparedness—Lexi Maxwell (followed by landscaping student interactive)

**Notes for Auditors:** Interns taking make-ups have seating priority. Because smaller class size improves quality of experience for students, sessions involving field instruction, highly interactive work and propagation are excluded. Some sessions end before 4:30 to create time for students' reflections and evaluation. Auditors are asked to stay seated quietly until signaled, and then leave without interrupting the students or speaking to presenters.



**Meet Ellen and Randy**  
**Bright Additions to Guadalupe County**  
**...and to Guadalupe County Master Gardeners**



Moving to their acreage in Southeast Guadalupe County just a few months ago Ellen Laubhan and Randy Rye decided to join Guadalupe County Master Gardeners. They wanted to learn how gardening in south central Texas differs from central Colorado. Theirs was a mutually beneficial decision—Guadalupe County Master Gardeners gets two young energetic student-volunteers, eager to learn and willing to put what they learn to quick



use as demonstrated in this anecdote from Gail and Jim Johnson, their mentors.



Jim and I are really excited to be working with Ellen and Randy. They are really enthusiastic about gardening and eager to learn more. They were kind enough to invite us out to see their new home. They had a lot of questions about starting their fall vegetable garden—very concerned that it was too early or too late. When we heard from them again about three days later, they had planted some fall tomatoes and installed their first drip irrigation.



Most of us join Master Gardeners for a variety of reasons—gardening is one of those but equally important is that many of us hope to meet people and make new friends. Part of mentoring is to help new members make those connections. Gail and I were fortunate when we moved here to meet people who helped us learn to live and garden here. We were like sponges looking for information to absorb. Randy and Ellen remind us a lot of that and with so much energy and enthusiasm, they are going to be great gardeners—even though this climate is so much different than where they came from. They've been busy researching and learning on their own and Master Gardeners is going to be a great resource for them.

**From our Publicity Chair, Peggy Jones**

Ask and you often receive. My request for help in locating an education board was granted. Master Gardener, Janice Knobles donated a 6 foot tall education board that had belonged to her son that he used for National Science Fair projects. The board is a trifold and wired for spotlights. The plan is to use it at events like the Guadalupe County Fair. A big thank you goes out to Janice.

## August Texas Master Gardener Association Meeting

TMGA's meeting in College Station in August covered a lot of topics. Michael Edwards was a special guest at the meeting. Michael is a student at Texas A&M but he has also been very active in 4H. He came to thank the Association for its support of the 2011 Texas 4H Round-Up and to tell the members how important 4H and the Round-Up have been in his life. Round-Up is an invitational youth competition in which students do an educational presentation. The presentations are on a wide range of topics and some 3,000 kids participated this last year. Michael said he had first discovered his personal goals through 4H and the Round-Up had been his first public speaking event. He must have learned something there, because he sure did a great presentation at the TMGA meeting!! TMGA gives \$500 each year to support the Round-Up.

County associations will be able to see and track their award submissions on line this year, a big improvement over the past process. The Awards Committee is working on some new categories of awards for this year. The rules for the competition this year will be available on line on September 1.

The mission of the Conference Planning Committee is to develop a resource for use by the membership in hosting the annual TMGA conference. In the past, the county hosting the next conference has inherited all the files, but no real planning guide. The Conference Planning Committee hopes to improve on that by providing a conference planning guide and formalizing the support network for the hosting county association.

The 2011 TMGA Conference was a huge success. It was the largest conference ever with 764 Master Gardeners participating and 845 attendees at the banquet. Bexar County will be hosting the 2012 TMGA Conference which will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. There is more information on the Bexar County website including a list of the speakers who have committed and the available hotels in the area. Bexar County has decided not to hold the conference downtown because the cost of facilities would be cost prohibitive for attendees, so the activities will be at the conference center at I10 and 410 on the north side of town. All the tours will be on Saturday. Registration will be \$200. Counties interested in hosting the 2013 conference need to apply by December. So far, Hidalgo and Cameron counties have applied.

Guadalupe's George Ammerman reported for the Outreach Committee. George said things have been quiet over the summer but that the Outreach Committee will be busy this fall helping county associations fulfill their charter requirements.

Ron Williford, the TMGA Webmaster gave a presentation on the future of the website. Ron said that websites are moving to smart phone technology. It won't be long before Master Gardeners will be able to carry their smart phones to the garden and use them as a resource in real time. Not sure what that insect is? Scan it with your smart phone, connect to the web right there, and the mystery will be solved. Ron wanted the membership to know that there is free hosting available now for county associations on the Texas AgriLife computers. Counties can get more information from the Texas A&M IT staff. It's not as much space, but it's free. He also warned members that if they sign onto the TMGA website, they MUST SIGN OUT of the pass word protected pages. Otherwise, it leaves the page unprotected.

If you aren't receiving the TMGA newsletter, and would like to have it, sign up at the TMGA website.

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## CLASS 23



The first session of Class 23 was held at the Fellowship Hall in St Paul Evangelical Church on Main Street in Cibolo on August 24th. The class started at noon with a “Get-to-Know-Your-Mentor” lunch at Harmon’s Bar-B-Q next door, followed by an orientation with Travis Franke, Guadalupe County AgriLife Extension Agent, George Ammermann, GCMG President, and Jose Contreras, GCMG Class 23 Chairman.



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Dr. Sam Cotner died this past January. He was an important figure for all Texas Master Gardeners. He literally brought the Master Gardener program to Texas and he supported it his entire career. Dr. Cotner spent his whole professional life at Texas A&M where he earned all three of his degrees and then taught. TMGA made a \$500 donation to the Cotner Scholarship Fund. Several members hoped that Texas AgriLife would help TMGA find a more permanent way to honor the man who did so much for Master Gardeners.

Jayla Fry, Master Gardener Coordinator for Texas AgriLife, reported that the Extension’s budget was reduced by 11% in the legislative session. This was better than expected and when combined with the Partial Cost Recovery Program led to the decision not to lay off county extension agents at this time. Texas AgriLife has adopted a wait and see approach, hoping that the lower budget cut combined with the recovery funds will be enough to carry Texas AgriLife through. She also said that Texas AgriLife has received a \$5 million dollar grant from the USDA to support the Junior Master Gardeners program.

Report by Gail Johnson



## Master Gardener's at the Guadalupe County Fair

By Jeri Doyle, Chairman - 830-305-2707

The Guadalupe County Fair will be held this year from October 5, 2011 thru October 9, 2011 at the Sequin Fairgrounds and Coliseum. The Master Gardeners have been asked again to have information booths, to run the Horticulture Division, and, new this year, to sponsor a "Youth Activities" event.

The theme this year will be "Texas' Extreme Drought: Effects on Humans, Animals and Our Environment". There will be information available about water conservation, general drought info showing how our wildlife are suffering, and how the drought is changing or should change everyone's lives. There will be a rain barrel and a rain harvesting display. We as MG's need to be aware of how serious this situation has become and it will not be "over" even if we get a few inches of rain. For set up and displays, does anyone have access to hay bales, probably around 6-8 bales? Also, we need donations of seeds that will be given away at the Fair.

The Horticulture Division will be taking in entries on Wednesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-8:00 P.M. and Thursday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-9:00 A.M. There are four main categories in which to enter: Field Crops, Garden Crops, Home Products and Orchard Crops. The main Fair catalog is supposed to be printed at the end of August and in this catalog you can see what is listed in each category. Please consider entering your best crops from your own gardens. I know there are many of you who have award winning crops growing right now. The Grand Champion for the Show will receive a gift certificate from Maldonado's Nursery for two - 5 gallon trees. This is the first year that there has been a Grand Champion prize and we are hoping to be able to offer more prizes next year.

Betty Hughes has graciously volunteered to be the Chair of the "Youth Activities" and her Co-Chair will be Esther Pinter. There are five time slots in which MG's will do fun activities with students. The activities Betty has decided on are decorating sun visors, making bookmarks using dried flowers, and nature coloring books with crayons for each student. The time slots are Friday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M., Sat., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon and 4:30 P.M. and Sun., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 P.M.

Like every event in which Master Gardener's are involved, we cannot make this event a success without you. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES!! This is a major yearly event for the Guadalupe Master Gardeners. It should be a group effort. Also, if there is any one of you who would be interested in being my Co-Chair, I would greatly appreciate your time. Contact Jeri or Betty from info below.

Please contact Jeri Doyle at 305-2707 or email at [jerild@satx.rr.com](mailto:jerild@satx.rr.com).

Please contact Betty Hughes at 401-4066 or email at [ehughes5@satx.rr.com](mailto:ehughes5@satx.rr.com).

August meeting refreshments were provided by George Ammermann, Gail Johnson, Doug and Virginia Biggs, Betty Hughes and Ryla Cottinghamm. The raffle of \$25 was won Toni Guiles who donated it back. Janice Knobles won the nursery gift certificate.

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**VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION**

## The Big Red Barn's vegetable garden is blooming!

By Gina Mullen

After a few weeks of bare gardening beds, we began planting various veggies in early to mid-July. Stan Wieding's existing tomato, okra and pepper plants were already producing, so we slowly began filling the rest of the beds. Pumpkin seeds were planted and they are already blooming. They had a brief encounter with squash vine borer, but the group whipped up a super potent 'deterrent' that was injected into the vines with turkey basters (and I'm told it was quite an interesting endeavor.) The unwanted pests were vacated and the pumpkins should soon see fruit.



Big Red Barn Pumpkin Patch

In the facing bed, we have a mixed bag of squash and cabbages. The intense heat and lack of rain made the vegetables very needy for the first month after planting. We had MGs watering via soaker hoses and wands in shifts through-out the day and evening. Currently, there are cabbage, cauliflower, patty pan squash, zucchini, long neck yellow, delicata and acorn squash in bloom and fruit. The rear beds are a bit more sparse with okra, eggplant, bell peppers and asparagus, but we are going to plant new seedlings in the next week including: brussels sprouts, mezclan, broccoli, spinach, pole and bush beans.



Big Red Barn Squash and Cabbages Bed



Raised Bed and container gardening demonstration area.

## NEW GCMG SCRAPBOOK

Jerilyn and Alfred Preston report that they have the software program Flickr up and running and are looking for photos for the new GCMG Scrapbook. Alfred has been working on this project pretty steadily this month and most of the procedures have been worked out. There are no manuals for Flickr and all of the instructions are scattered among official and unofficial websites.

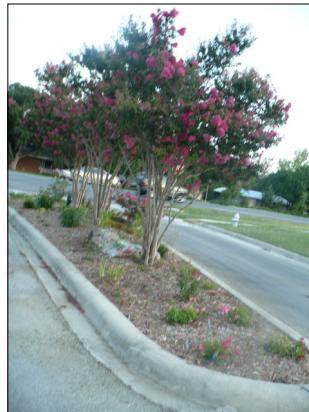
While the new scrapbook is still in early stages, there are several pictures up already. We need pictures with event, date, and the individuals names, if possible. Please send electronically to: [alfred-preston@yahoo.com](mailto:alfred-preston@yahoo.com). The Flickr address for GCMG pictures is <http://www.flickr.com/photos/gcmg>. All photos are available for viewing on Flickr by everyone. A link will be posted on our website to jump to the album. Applause goes out to Alfred and Jerilyn for volunteering.

## Highway 90E Beautification Project

Driving 90A East out of Seguin, there is a subdivision on the left just before crossing the Geronimo Creek bridge. For ten years, a barren island greeted visitors as they drove into the subdivision. The island can be clearly seen from Highway 90A East. Beginning in February, 2011, four Master Gardener interns "adopted" the island, prepared the bed, and approached the home owners to donate gift cards from three businesses which sold landscaping plants. Some ninety-eight percent of the residents who were grateful for some beautification to the area, responded generously and the planning and planting began. By mid-April, mostly Texas hardy plants, had been put into the ground. Even in the most brutal summer sun, the newly planted turf bloomed and grew. An irrigation system had been installed when the island was built, but the system was never used. Two of the subdivision residents who had experience in irrigation systems, maintained the plumbing and even tilled the soil before planting began.

As a bonus, the developer of the subdivision stated that he would continue to pay the existing water bill generated by the island plumbing. The project exceeded expectations: it offered volunteer hours for four interns, it created bonding within the neighborhood with additional offers to donate more gift certificates for future planting, and it completely transformed a bare entrance to one of welcome.

Judith M. Johnson, Class 22



## Learning At the Garden

On August 27th Deedy Wright, GCMG member & Vegetable Specialist, talked to an enthusiastic group of 27 people about growing vegetables in the fall and the special challenges the drought and heat will present this season. Deedy planned to talk for about 90 minutes and the group kept her with questions for over two hours. A Big welcome to the six new students from Class 23 who were in attendance.



## Guadalupe County Finance Flower Beds—by Carol Mycue

The top and bottom flower beds in front of the Finance building were planted with old roses by Mr. Williamson (he owned a nursery in Seguin during that time) around the early 1970s. Many of these are still growing well. Some have been replaced, and some need to be replaced. The beds have almost been completely cleaned of weeds, and the yellow lantana was pruned. In the middle of September the roses will need a light pruning.

Before anything can be planted, the rotten landscape timbers need to be replaced, then compost and mulch will be added. After that, plants chosen for the beds will be from the list used for the park along Walnut Springs creek. The next workday will be in the middle of September, the exact date to be announced. If you would like to be on this great team contact Carol Mycue 830-557-6387 [camycue@satx.rr.com](mailto:camycue@satx.rr.com)



### FUTURE PROGRAMS

**Oct 20 - Beneficial & Pollinating Insects** - Molly Keck will talk about pollinators and beneficial insects.

**Nov 17 - Using Vines in the Landscape** - Sir Oliver Smith will talk about how vines can best be utilized in the landscape.

**Dec - Christmas Party**

**Jan 19 - Bees and Honey Production** - Mark Gretchen, local honey producer, will talk about bees and his honey business.

**Feb 16 - Toxic Landscape Plants** - Paul Cox, botanist and former supervisor at The Botanical Gardens, will present a program about the poisonous nature of some of our landscape plants.

**Mar 15 - Square Foot Gardening** - Andy Chidster who works for The Natural Gardener Inc., manufacturer of Lady Bug Products, will present Mel Bartholomew's method for growing more in less space.

**Apr 19 - Olive Tree Growing in Seguin** - Joe Wait, local grower of olive trees, will present a program about growing olive trees.

**May 17 - Using Herbs in Your Diet** - Mary Dunford, owner of Nature's Herb Farm, will talk about how herbs can best be used in our diet.

And a **new book recommendation** if you are interested in **saving seeds**. This gives the information on collection and cleaning, along with germination time and growing time before transplanting into the garden. Also goes into detail about the proper way to save seeds. Covers 322 vegetables, herbs, flowers, fruits, trees and shrubs. The Complete Guide to Saving Seeds by Robert Gough and Cheryl Moore-Gough, Storey Publishing.



**Texas Rain Gauge**



## GCMG DONATES PAINTED RAIN BARREL

GCMG received a request for the donation of a rain barrel for the auction part of the upcoming Guadalupe County Youth Show Gala. The event supports all of the Guadalupe County 4-H and FFA members of Marion, Seguin, Navarro, Clemens, Steele and Cibolo Creek Clubs, which is over 650 exhibitors. Funds are used for scholarships and to help cover some of the Youth Show costs. So instead of just a barrel, GCMG decided it should be a BARREL with some personality that would really bring in the dollars. With a barnyard motif designed and painted by our own Master Gardener Janelle Hanemann, this is a work of art. Many thanks to Janelle for her hard work.

## Schertz Community Garden Update HOT!!HOT!!HOT!!

We have harvested over 965# of produce donated to RACAP so far this year! We are clearing beds and planting for the fall. Tomatoes and new squash transplants all look good even in all this heat. Thanks to Mary Bove we have planted cucumbers, bell peppers, tomatoes, Swiss chard, yellow crookneck squash, pumpkins, zucchini and some radishes. Took pity on some of the tender transplants and provided some shade using old screens left over when we replaced our windows. **If anyone has any old aluminum window screens, we could sure use a few more.** Test beds are weeded thanks to our specialist (well there ought to be specialist status) Debbie Elia. Thanks to Dale Odvody, there are shelves in the new shed. hopefully doors on tomorrow. Tuesday mornings, starting about 7:30 a.m., we still have a crew working in the Garden if you'd like to stop by and help or just ask questions. See y'all Tuesdays. Ann Odvody

Linda Bruno gave a tour of the SCG to the Cibolo Nature Center developers to get ideas for their new 30 acre garden.

Saturday, Sep 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m., the GCMG will help a local Schertz Cub Scout group put together Raised Beds which they will formally adopt for planting. If you want to know how we do it, stop by. This is also a workday in the Garden; there will be plenty of tasks to do. See you there. And as we are reminding all our GCMG, **if you are outside in the garden, wear your hat and drink lots of water.** The weather is HOT! Linda Bruno



## Speakers Bureau

Clara Mae reported the following speaking engagements in August: Elaine McIntyre spoke to eight participants at the Schertz Community Garden on compost tea with Linda Bruno covering heat tolerant plants. Deedy Wright was at the garden on August 27 talking to 27 attendees on Fall Vegetable gardening. Saturday, Sep 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., Jim Johnson, Guadalupe County Master Gardener, will give a demonstration on Drip Irrigation: how to set it up, put it together and fix problems. We think using the drip irrigation in the Garden has really helped with our production and keeping water where it needs to be going, especially when there is no rain.

Speakers, please let me know how many listeners are in each group, your subject, and when and where the talk is given. Membership: if you belong to a club that needs speakers, please contact me, Clara Mae Marcotte, at [rcm.marcotte@gmail.com](mailto:rcm.marcotte@gmail.com).

We have speakers on FireWise, Plant Propagation, Oak Wilt, Rainwater Harvesting, Greenhouse Management, Composting, Citrus Greening, Entomology, Vegetables, Wildflowers, and Floral Arranging.

## Members in Service

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## REMINDER

If anyone needs a card from the organization for an illness or loss of a family member, contact Sandy Foss, our Secretary, [sandyfoss@satx.rr.com](mailto:sandyfoss@satx.rr.com) or call 210-651-9053.

## REMEMBER THE TEXAS GARDENER FUNDRAISER

Our Treasury keeps 25% of your subscription when it is sent through GCMG. Email [jlbruno@gvec.net](mailto:jlbruno@gvec.net) for further information or see article in last month's issue of this Newsletter.

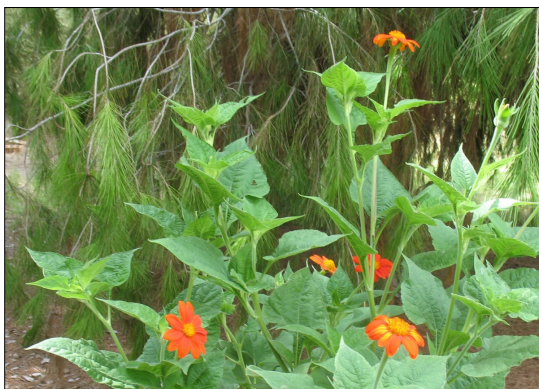
## Mexican Sunflower

By Clara Mae Marcotte

The Mexican Sunflower, *Tithonia rotundiflora*, is a lovely and rewarding plant. *Tithonia* grew really well in Kingsville when I lived there and also does well in Seguin. The only problem is that this warm season annual grows four to six feet tall and is three feet wide. This worked out for me this summer because most of my south bed was empty. The *Tithonia* makes a great cut flower because with its hollow stem, it lasts a long time in a vase of water. Be careful when you cut the stems so that they don't bend or collapse. Aggie-horticulture says to sear the stem, but I do not. The plant is propagated by seed and requires full sun. Floridata website says that it will tolerate filtered sun or partial shade.

Supposedly dwarf cultivars are available but I haven't seen them in local stores—only Burpee's "Torch," an All-America Winner.

According to Aggie-horticulture, this plant has a very high heat tolerance and low water requirement which makes it great for here. It does get killed by the first frost (our first actual freeze last year was November 27 with 29 degrees), but by then I'm ready for a different cut flower. *Tithonia* does reseed so you will have seeds for next year.



Clara Mae responds to two to three questions each month from the GCMG website. This information on the *tithonia* is one of the questions in her September "Ask the MGs" article on the website. There is a ton of gardening information in the "Ask the MGs" area of the website. Be sure to check it out at [quadelupecountymastergardeners.org](http://quadelupecountymastergardeners.org).

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Volunteers

Do You Need some Volunteer hours?

You only have 4 more months to get in your volunteer time.

Contact Carol Calentine on any Volunteer signups or questions at [carolc@co.guadalupe.tx.us](mailto:carolc@co.guadalupe.tx.us)

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Members needed

Planning starts very soon for 2012 programs. If you have ideas about both public & member education workshops & lectures, let's talk. If you like to organize & make things happen, let's talk. This is an open invitation to everyone, including interns & students. Call me at 210-363-8380 or email [lbruno@gvec.net](mailto:lbruno@gvec.net). Linda Bruno, Education Chairman

## Other Volunteer Opportunities

**Master Gardener Office Monday, from 9 a.m. to noon.** Except for federal holidays, the Master Gardener office is open at the Extension Building at 210 East Live Oak. Email Betty Hughes, [ehughes5@satx.rr.com](mailto:ehughes5@satx.rr.com) for more information.

**KWED Lawn & Garden Show** broadcast heard live every Saturday morning from 9:15 to 10. Call Bob Grafe at 830-743-3399 or Janet Grafe at 830-305-1446 to volunteer or to suggest a topic or speaker.

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# EDUCATION - CLASSES - SEMINARS

## Mitchell Lake Audubon Center Educational Activities

Best Trees for San Antonio with Mark Petersen, Saturday, September 10, 2011, 10 am -11 am

Native Plant Walk with Patty Leslie Pasztor, Saturday, October 1, 2011, 9 am to Noon

The San Antonio River Watershed and You—why every drop matters, Saturday, October 15, 2011, 9 am -10:30 am

For more information or to rsvp, [mlac@audubon.org](mailto:mlac@audubon.org)

## Essentials of Gardening Class

Monday, September 19 -12noon-3pm  
San Antonio Garden Center

Session #1—**Orchids for Texas**. Todd & Suzanne Miller, owners of Miller's Tropicals in Dripping Springs

Session #2—**Texas Wildscapes Save Time, Water & Wildlife**. Judit Green, Texas Parks and Wildlife.

## INTERNET CLASSES

**Earth-Kind Drought Preparedness**. Go to: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/drought/> go through the entire section and complete and submit the On-line Evaluation to earn 2 Continuing Education Hours.

Earthkind classes are available at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/training/>

AgriLife is now charging \$10 to take the Tomato 101 class found at <https://agrilifevents.tamu.edu/events/details.cfm?id=641> but it is well worth it.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

Although GCMG policy is that you may not take over 3 credits a calendar year for on line courses, the board voted that, in this instance, we can take an additional 2 CEU's over and above the 3 CEU limit for on line courses for the Earthkind Drought Preparedness.



## Native Plant Society of Texas Guadalupe County (Schertz/Seguin) Chapter

The Society will resume regular Monthly meetings Tuesday, September 13, 2011. Botanist and former supervisor of the San Antonio Botanical Center **Paul Cox** will present "**Amazing Trees**". Paul is co-author of **Texas Trees- A Friendly Guide**. He will bring some of the books to sell.

The Society meets the second Tuesday of the month at The Library, 500 Bulldog, in Marion. There will be a plant exchange and a "Meet and Greet" at 6:00pm followed by the program at 7:00pm. It is open to the public and we welcome all visitors.

For more information, directions to The Library or membership applications contact our website at: [www.npsot.org.gudalupecounty](http://www.npsot.org.gudalupecounty).

## **Fredericksburg Native Plant Society of Texas 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildscapes Workshop on Native Grasses**

On September 10<sup>th</sup> the Fredericksburg NPSOT Chapter will host an all day workshop "Native Grasses – Not Just for Mowing!" The workshop will include presentations by Bill Neiman, Owner of Native American Seed of Junction, Texas; Flo Oxley of Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center; and John Snowden of Bluestem Nursery, Arlington, Texas. There will also be tours of several local gardens, a plant sale and a catered lunch. Much more information about the Wildscapes Workshop can be found at the Fredericksburg NPSOT website, <https://www.npsot.org/Fredericksburg> The pre-registration cost is \$35 for non-NPSOT members until September 5<sup>th</sup> and \$40 at the door.

Bob Teweles is coordinating car-pooling to this event for the Guadalupe County NPSOT and would be happy to include any Master Gardeners who would like to join them. Car pooling would involve leaving from Seguin or Schertz about 7AM to arrive in Fredericksburg by the program start time of 8:45. Groups would return by 5 or 6 PM. Bob can be reached by e-mail at [rteweles@satx.rr.com](mailto:rteweles@satx.rr.com) or phone (210) 289-9997. He would appreciate hearing from you by September 8<sup>th</sup>, but don't forget the pre-registration price cutoff of September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Home Fruit Production: Conventional Choices and Sustainable Options**

Sept. 17, 10 AM – 3 PM

Austin Community College, South Campus, 1820 W. Stassney, Rm 1130  
by Jim Kamas, Asst. Professor & Extension Specialist for Texas AgriLife Extension

TCMGA members earn 4 hours CEU. Information will be very similar to TCMGA Intern class on this topic. Space limited to 50 people. Public is invited.

Registration and \$25 fee paid on line at: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu>. Keyword Search: Fruit. Registration closes Sept. 15.

This seminar for home fruit growers will begin with the basics of fruit production, site selection and preparation and cover the specific needs of various fruit crops. In addition review the importance of choosing varieties and optimizing tree health and productivity, much of the focus will be on understanding how fruit crops respond to our ever-changing weather conditions in the Texas Hill Country. Tips will be given on how to enhance the sustainable production of conventional crops such as peaches and pears as well as exploring work on newly emerging fruit choices that can be grown with minimal inputs. Questions? Contact Rosalie Russell at [GISatHCCS@aol.com](mailto:GISatHCCS@aol.com)

### **Earth-Kind Landscape Series: 'The Fall Vegetable Garden'**

Sept 3 (Saturday) 11 am – 1 pm

Fanick's Garden Center on 1025 Holmgreen Road.

Come learn how to get your vegetable garden going to have a successful harvest this fall and winter. This educational opportunity will be conducted by Extension Horticulturist David Rodriguez. Cost is FREE; however, donations to support the Children's Vegetable Garden Program will be accepted. Master Gardeners will be awarded 2 CEUs.



**Prospective Wine Grower Workshop**  
**Sept 23 (Friday) 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Extension Office, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208**

Created by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service/Viticulture team in order to educate those individuals considering a commercial vineyard, this one-day educational event consists of a series of presentations that provide an overview of the unique requirements and risks associated with establishment and operation of a commercial vineyard in Texas. Cost \$150 individual, \$250 couple (includes lunch). For more information contact Dusty Timmons at [806 787-5110](tel:8067875110) or [mdtimmons@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mdtimmons@ag.tamu.edu) . Register online at <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/details.cfm?id=820> .

**Plant Propagation**

Sept 8 (Thursday) 9-11 am—San Antonio Botanical Garden

Learn the techniques our horticulturists and volunteers use to propagate plants in the Garden. Participants will make their own cuttings to take home and have the opportunity to explore the greenhouse and purchase some of the beautiful plants expertly cultivated by the San Antonio Botanical Society Plant Sale Volunteers (exact cash or check only). Most plants are \$8/gallon. Limit 20 participants. Fee: \$20/class. To register, please contact [programregistrar@sabot.org](mailto:programregistrar@sabot.org) or Sasha Kodet at [\(210\) 207-3270](tel:2102073270) or [sasha.kodet@sanantonio.gov](mailto:sasha.kodet@sanantonio.gov). Master Gardeners will be awarded 2 CEU's.

**30 Bugs Every Gardener Should Know**

Sept 27 – 2-4pm at Bexar County Extension Office, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208.

Learn about the good, the bad, and the ugly bugs you'll come in contact with if you spend any time outside. This program will cover how to identify them (pictures and actual specimens will be shown), if they are bad, the damage they do, and how to manage or encourage them. Please call or email Molly (210-467-6575, [mekeck@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mekeck@ag.tamu.edu) ) so she can get a head-count.

**2011 National JMG® Specialist Training  
is now open September 15-17, 2011 Denton, TX**

With your help, the National Junior Master Gardener® Program is growing good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success, and service through a unique gardening education. This dynamic and intensive 2-1/2 day training conference is designed for those coordinating or supporting JMG programs at the local, county, and regional level.

Come join us and learn new ideas and techniques that will help you implement effective youth gardening programs through JMG. Together, we can cultivate a love of plants and gardening while fostering leadership and community service in youth nationwide.

All attendees completing JMG Specialist Training Conference will receive certification as a JMG Specialist by the National Junior Master Gardener Program office and a host of invaluable resources to grow JMG and youth gardening programs in the local, regional or state level.

Registration & more details: <http://dcmga.com/events/2011-JMG-specialist/>

### **Rain Barrel Workshop**

Sept 24 (Saturday) 9 am – noon. San Antonio Botanical Garden.

Rainwater harvesting is an innovative approach to capturing free water. You can save money by collecting and storing rainwater and using it to irrigate your trees, shrubs and flower beds, or to provide water to pets, birds, or other wildlife. Join County Extension Agent Bryan Davis, and Master Gardeners Lou Kellogg and Mary Fernandez to learn about rainwater collection for the home and landscape and make your own rain barrel to take home. Limit 30. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 21, 2011. Fee: \$55. Please make your check payable to Bexar County Master Gardeners. To register, please contact [programregistrar@sabot.org](mailto:programregistrar@sabot.org) or Sasha Kodet at [210-207-3270](tel:210-207-3270) or [sasha.kodet@sanantonio.gov](mailto:sasha.kodet@sanantonio.gov). Master Gardeners will be awarded 3 CEU's

### **Landscape Design Study Series XXII, Course III**

Sept 26-27 (Monday & Tuesday) at Christ United Methodist Church, College Station, TX. This is the third in the latest Landscape Design Study Course series which is offered in four separate schools, approximately six months apart, in the Bryan-College Station area. Participants may take the four courses in any sequence. Garden Club members, Master Gardeners, nurserymen and others who are interested in furthering their knowledge of landscape design are welcome to attend. Additional information and a registration form is located at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/southerngarden/LDSep2011/>.

### **Master Naturalist Fall Class**

Sept 8-Nov 12 12-4 pm (Thursdays) at the Extension Office, 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr., Suite 208

Applications & information at [www.txmn.org/alamo](http://www.txmn.org/alamo). Cost: \$150 for books and tuition.

### **What Makes Heirloom Plants So Great**

Wednesday, October 5th, at 10 am

San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels & Funston by the Botanical Gardens

The San Antonio Garden Center invites you to their monthly meeting to hear another knowledgeable speaker on gardening. Judy Barrett, the founding Editor & Publisher of "Homegrown: Good Sense Organic Living for Texas" will be our speaker. Join us for free. Membership is encouraged. [Sagc2004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Sagc2004@sbcglobal.net) or call Rachel at 210-824-0435.

# GARDENING EVENTS

## **Texas Gourd Festival**

October 14 through 16 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)  
Fredericksburg's Gillespie Co. Fairgrounds

Texas Gourd Society's annual nationwide competition for growers, decorators, and vendors of dried gourds and supplies, Classes, children's crafts, and more. 817-909-2814. [texasgourdsociety.org](http://texasgourdsociety.org)

## **2011 International Master Gardener Conference**

The 2011 International Master Gardener Conference will be October 11-14, 2011 in Charleston, West Virginia. The website is [Extension.Service@MAIL.WVU.EDU](mailto:Extension.Service@MAIL.WVU.EDU). Registration is open. Cost: \$300.

## **Floral Design Mechanics**

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 -10 AM

San Antonio Garden Center, 3310 N. New Braunfels & Funston by the Botanical Gardens

Wonder what to do with those flowers you bring in from the Garden? Join us for free at the San Antonio Garden Center's monthly meeting with speaker, James Blied, teacher of Floral Design, North East ISD. Membership is encouraged. [Sagc2004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Sagc2004@sbcglobal.net) or 210-824-0435

**Amazing Butterfly Exhibit Opening  
at the San Antonio Botanical Garden  
Sept 17-18 (Sat & Sun)**

**Mitchell Lake Audubon Center  
7th Fall Wildlife Festival and Plant Sale  
October 22nd, 2011**

## **Fall Garden Fair in Southtown**

Saturday, September 17  
Blue Star Arts Complex parking lot , 1414 S. Alamo.

Gardening Volunteers of South Texas will sponsor this first ever event. There will be speakers and plants for sale. They are looking for others who might like to participate and sell plants and garden-related items, including art and crafts. If you would like to participate as a vendor, and sell your plants or other garden related items, you can reserve a table space (free of charge of course) by contacting Anne Schiller at [anne@anneschiller.com](mailto:anne@anneschiller.com) or 210-380-3532.

## **Watersaver Landscape Tour**

**Saturday, October 1**

This year there will be six yards on the tour with a "suburban/urban" theme. Three of the yards are north of 410, and three are in King William/Southtown. All of them are very unique. More information is available on the [www.WatersaverLandscapeTour.org](http://www.WatersaverLandscapeTour.org) website. The tour is sponsored by San Antonio Water System, San Antonio River Authority and Edwards Aquifer Authority and Gardening Volunteers of South Texas.

## **San Antonio Herb Market**

Saturday, October 15th, 9 am - 4 pm  
Pearl Brewery near Broadway & Josephine, San Antonio

The San Antonio Herb Market is proud to announce their 20th anniversary and special guest, noted herbalist, writer and culinary educator Susan Belsinger. Come join us as we celebrate "20 Herbs to Remember." With cooking demos, lectures, shopping and activities for the children, the herb market is free and open to the public. Mark your calendars for this very special event!

**The San Antonio Herb Market is a GoTexan event, affiliated with the Texas Dept of Agriculture.**



# September 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 SCG Workday	3 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:15 a.m.
4	5 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	6 SCG Workday	7 Class 23 Noon-4:30pm	8 <b>GCMG Board Meeting</b>	9 SCG Workday	10 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:15 a.m.  <b>SCG Workday 8 AM CUB SCOUT Raised Bed</b>
11 <b>Tenth Anniversary of 9 1 1</b>	12 Master Gardener Office/Library Open 8:30-NOON  <b>O Full Moon</b>	13 SCG Workday	14 Class 23 Noon-4:30pm	15 <b>GCMG Meeting 7 PM</b>	16 SCG Workday	17 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:15 a.m.
18	19 Master Gardener Office/Library Open 8:30-NOON  <b>GREEN TEAM 9 am</b>	20 SCG Workday	21 Class 23 Noon-4:30pm	22	23 SCG Workday  Autumnal Equinox	24 KWED Radio 1580 AM Lawn & Garden Show 9:15 a.m.  <b>SCG—9 am Drip Irrigation</b>
25	26 Master Gardener Office/Library Open 8:30-NOON  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	27 SCG Workday  <b>● New Moon</b>	28 Class 23 Noon-4:30pm	29	30 <b>SCG Workday</b>	





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### **Meeting, Thurs, September 15th, 2011, 7 P.M.**

*AgriLife Extension Building  
210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, Tx*

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